



ABENAKI NEWS



Volume 22, Issue 3

"Semper Vigilans!"

FALL 2019

WING CALENDAR

Lesley M. Lara
CAP Executive Administrator

OCTOBER

5 WAA Fundraiser Seacoast
NE Pizza, Exeter 1200-1800
6 Legislative Softball Game
Budweiser Sports Fields, Merrimack
16 Staff Meeting call in or online
19 SLS 0830-1630 NHWG
?? Rocket Competition TBD

NOVEMBER

1-6 NER RCC exercise NHWG
16 CLC 0800-1630 NHWG
20 Staff Meeting 7-9 NHWG
28 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

14 WAA NHSVC 1200 Boscawen
14 WAA Exeter Cemetery 1030
Wreath laying with ceremony
At 1200 use Arbor St. gate
18 Staff Meeting online or call in

Published by
New Hampshire Wing Civil Air Patrol
Wing Commander

Colonel Kevin N. Harbison
kharbison@nhwg.cap.gov

Public Affairs Officer

LTC Michael Moffett
mmoffett@nhwg.cap.gov

Asst. Public Affairs Officer

Maj. Penny H. Hardy
phardy@nhwg.cap.gov

"SEMPERVIGILANS"

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, NHWG Commander

As NHWG approaches the end of another quarter and the end of our fiscal year, I look back at our annual accomplishments. I am amazed at what the members of this wing accomplish every year. As this edition goes to print, so to speak, I am entering my last full quarter as your wing commander. That brings with it a full set of emotions. I will address those in my last installment in December.

As I mentioned I am so proud of the hard work and dedication that our members have shown over the past few months. We had a very successful Summer Academy at Norwich University. As part of that, we once again flew cadets and introduced many to their first powered orientation flight. Support of the Cadet Program is some of the most important work we do as Senior Members in Civil Air Patrol. In fact, nothing else we do will have such long-lasting and significant impact on society and our country. The cadets we train and mentor will become the leaders of this country tomorrow. If you are not involved in mentoring cadets or working in the Cadet Program, you should be. I should note that this was the largest group of cadets at our Summer Academy to date.

We once again sent four amazing cadets and two Senior Members to the UK this year in our annual exchange program. This is a great program that gives our cadets the opportunity to experience cadet life in the UK as a unit. This was our year to go over there. Next year they will come here in July so we will be looking for host families again to help. Thank you John Washington for making this happen.

Our aircrews once again broke through the 200-hour mark with both airframe and pilot hours. This is a remarkable achievement especially considering we have not had more than two fire patrol sorties over the past two years. I am really happy for the effort shown. Remember that a significant number of those hours are spent flying cadets.

Continued Page 8

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

CONCORD

Adeesh Cooper	C/MSgt
Michael Pelletier	C/TSgt
Ryan Wood	C/TSgt
Emily Fulton	C/SSgt
Jacob Gurtner	C/SSgt
Phoebe Slayton	C/SSgt
Matthew Shultz	C/SrA
William Cochran	C/A1C
Ryder Fisk	C/A1C
Nicholas Hewey	C/A1C
Riley Pepper	C/A1C
Caleb Stonecipher	C/A1C

HIGHLANDERS

Hannah DeBow	C/SSgt
Sheighlyn Folger	C/SSgt
Ella Johnson	C/SSgt
Abigail Young	C/A1C

MONADNOCK

Jethro Somero	C/SMSgt
Michael Monaghan	C/TSgt
Benjamin Feola-Mahar	C/TSgt
Derek Somero	C/A1C
John Tully	C/Amn
Andre Koester	C/Amn

SEACOAST

Noah Robinson	C/2 nd Lt.
Grace Cornell	C/CMSgt
Ayla McKean	C/CMSgt
Tait Citarella	C/SMSgt
Nicholas Denton	C/TSgt
Dylan Boston	C/SSgt
Riley Quinn	C/SrA
Emily Chang	C/SrA
Oliver Grazier	C/SrA
Finnegan Scease	C/SrA
Andrew McLaughlin	C/SrA

SENIOR MEMBERS

Richard McKean	2 nd Lt.
Austin Lafrienere	Flt. Officer



SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

New Hampshire Encampment

Many cadets and senior members participated, as well supported operations for the NH/VT Wing Encampment 2019 - Norwich University. The Concord Squadron played a key role in activities and air operations for Cadet Orientation flights. There were over a 124 cadets that received both power and glider flights during such. Without the support of many, operations and pictures like this would not be possible to make the week such a success. An Open House is planned for 3 October.



Cadets getting briefed for O'flights

HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Former Hawk Squadron Commander, Col. William Moran, USAF, ret. Attended a winging for former Hawk cadet Lt. John Mensch, USMC. Congratulations Lt. Mensch.



HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

Cadet Commander C/Lt.Col. Abigail DeBow was selected as the Summer Academy commander. Three cadets served as staff members and 8 cadets attended the academy. C/2Lt. James Kelley attended the National Blue Beret at Oshkosh in July. The members are working towards being more active in ES and several attended the TRAINEX in August and the SAREX in September. The Maine Wing encampment took place in August and three cadets went as staff and two senior members served as TAC officers. Fall Open House is planned for 26 September.



Highlanders Cadets Enjoying PT Night

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Six cadets from Lebanon Squadron received glider o'flights at Hartness State Airport, VT in September from instructor Mark Wendling. A great day was had by all.



MANCHESTER COMPOSITE SQUADRON

LtCol Russ Morin took command of the Manchester squadron on August 8th. C/CMSgt Autumn St.Hilaire has taken over as the new cadet commander. The squadron recently supported the Young Eagles event at the Manchester airport as well as the annual Glendi Greek Festival where the cadets helped with set up and clean up. Along with the Nashua Squadron, we met with the president of the Southern NH Flying Eagles Radio Control aircraft club, Ron Carey who talked to the cadets about his RC hobby and his club and gave us a flying demo. We are working towards our fall open house on Oct 3rd.



MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron provided a color guard for the local American Legion Post's 100th anniversary. In August the TRAINEX was held at Dillant-Hopkins Airport in Keene supported by the squadron. A group of cadets and seniors visited the New England Air Museum at Bradley International Airport in CT in September. In July a visit was made to Kimball Farms in Jaffery with communication and navigation practice enroute. Also in July the squadron began a new initiative of seniors doing weekly PT with cadets.



Monadnock Squadron at the NE Air Museum

MT. WASHINGTON COMPOSITE SQUADRON



Joe Santamaria getting 172 Form 5 from Col. Moran

We have been busy this quarter continuing to get all pilots trained. Two of us became mission pilots. Two of us have been working on our IFR rating and have utilized the aircraft and other members in assisting with that goal. We have had two successful monthly meetings via Google Hangout. Our members are spread over a very large area and this method of meeting is an incredible time saver. At our last meeting our members were spread from Hebron to Pittsburg, NH. It has saved lots of time and energy without losing any quality. This squad was reactivated just a year ago and has been very

busy. Bill Moran deserves a big shout out for making this happen and our continuing progress. Open House is planned for 17 September.

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

A large group of members supported or attended the Summer Academy at Norwich University back in July. Several cadets graduated from the NCOLS held along with the academy. From 9 to 23 August Capt. Wegner, Lt. T. Brackett and Cadet McKean traveled to the UK for the annual exchange. Also in August members carried the colors and marched in the Kingston Days parade. The squadron held their fall Open House on 5 September at the Next Era Off Site Facility at the tradeport with a large group of guests attending. The highlight of that was the wind tunnel which the cadets had been working on for several months. Fundraising for WAA began on 14 September at New England Pizza in Exeter to raise funds to place holiday wreaths on veteran's graves at the Exeter Cemetery in December. Seacoast members once again supported Run for the Fallen in Rye on 22 September. Members will assist with Seacoast Salutes the Troops at Cisco Brewery fields helping to manage rides and do some recruiting. Marksmanship continues twice a month weather permitting at the Exeter Sportsman's Club.



Lt. Robinson and Cadets working on the Wind Tunnel

LEGISLATIVE SQUADRON NH 999

The third annual softball game was held at the Budweiser Sports Fields in Merrimack on Sunday, October 6. NH Wing will be providing a color guard to present the colors before the game as well as a flyover. A recruiting booth will also need volunteers to man it during the day. The squadron now has 55 members. If your unit has yet to invite a member of the legislative squadron to one of your meetings please do so at your earliest convenience. They can be a big asset to your group.

Commander's Corner cont.

We have also started to make improvements to the wing HQ building with new seating upgraded HVAC and exterior painting that will help to ensure its viability for some time to come. As we move into the new quarter we will continue to grow as a wing. We will provide the facilities for the Region Coordination Center in support of the upcoming NER exercise. As always, I look forward to working with all of you to continue to make NH Wing amazing. Thank you.

Col. Kevin Harbison
Commander

Thoughts from Our Chaplain

The cycles of many of our activities begin anew in September, as the fall season starts. We are getting ready for the new CAP fiscal year, which begins on October 1. Many squadrons, like my Seacoast Squadron, have fall recruitment open houses as we reach out for prospective cadets beginning the new school year.

Within the Jewish religious calendar, September presents what are called the "High Holy Days," the holy days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. With their foundations based in Scripture, but enhanced by millennia of observance, they present universal messages of the need for self-analysis, reflection on what makes life special, what we owe to our fellow human beings, and what is our relationship to God, however we conceive the Infinite Source of Being. Only incidentally is it the start of a new religious calendar year, 5780 in the traditional calendar.

Being Jewish perhaps gives one a "double opportunity" to celebrate New Year. But since January 1, with the possible exception of resolutions, is devoted to merriment and celebration, I'm glad that we have a New Year to celebrate not only the blessings of life, but the opportunity to ask ourselves what is really important in life... and to rededicate ourselves to a life and to values worth living.

May each of us and our families be inscribed in "God's Book of Life" for a healthy and happy year.

Chaplain Gary Atkins
gatkings@nhwg.cap.gov